

Amendments to the Claims:

The below-listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus for suppressing the effects of an explosion or collision, the apparatus comprising a pair of inflatable and water fillable spaced-apart walled containers connected or connectable at respective upper ends to each other, either directly or indirectly, and connected or connectable at their respective lower ends to each other, ~~either directly or indirectly~~, and an inflatable support cushion ~~means~~ disposed between the walled containers to at least partially support the walls thereof against collapse when such are filled with water, wherein the walls of the walled containers are interconnected by drop stitches so as to prevent or inhibit outward bulging thereof in response to the weight of water contained therein.

14. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the upper ends of the walled containers are connected together by webbing or strapping and the lower ends are splayed apart and connected to an inflatable base to form in combination therewith a structure of generally triangular section when inflated.

15. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the support ~~means~~ cushion is ~~partially or wholly of frusto-~~ triangular in section.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each walled container is comprised of a number of individual segments or cells which thereby minimise the tendency of each segment or cell to jeopardise the overall required shape of the walled containers by collapsing under the weight of water.

18. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the internal walls of the walled containers are interconnected by straps at strategic locations.

19. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 18 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the internal walls are interconnected by straps which are heat-welded in place.

20. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the walled containers overlap with each other in a stepped or staggered formation such that adjoining ones of each apparatus may be interlinked to form a continuous wall of such structures.

21. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 20 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the containers are interlinked with each other along the line of the wall by support webbing/strapping.

22. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 20 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the containers are interlinked through the use of strips of releasably interconnectable webbing or strapping stitched to each one and adapted to

releasably interconnect with adjacent ones of such support structures.

23. (Currently Amended) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 13 ~~further characterised in that~~ wherein the support ~~means~~ cushion is adapted to contain air or liquid or a mixture of both which may contain ~~e.g. a fire retardant/suppressant or some other a~~ material which may be released following an explosion or collision event.

24. (New) Shock suppression apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said material is a fire retardant or a fire suppressant.

25. (New) A shock suppression wall for suppressing the effects of an explosion or collision comprising a plurality of shock suppression apparatus, the apparatus comprising a pair of inflatable and water fillable spaced-apart walled containers connected or connectable at respective upper ends to each other, either directly or indirectly, and connected or connectable at their respective lower ends to each other, and an inflatable support cushion disposed between the walled containers to at least partially support the walls thereof against collapse when such are filled with water, wherein the walls of the walled containers are interconnected by drop stitches so as to prevent or inhibit outward bulging thereof in response to the weight of water contained therein, and wherein said pairs of walled containers are arranged end to end and are staggered with respect to opposing walled containers of each pair such that joints between adjacent walled containers do not coincide with joints on the opposing side of the wall.